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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

SAMSON TUG AND BARGE CO., INC., an) Civil No. A03-006 CV (JWS)
 Alaska Corporation)

Plaintiff/Appellant)

v.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

acting by and through)

the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of the)
 NAVY MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND,)
 and UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF)
 THE ARMY MILITARY TRAFFIC)

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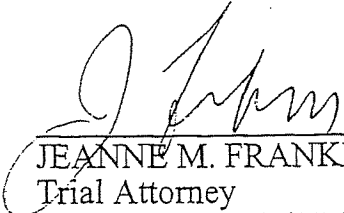
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